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Commission's Secretary,
Office of the Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission.
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: CC Docket 02-122
Re-designation of Urban Area for Rural Health Care Program in the Pacific Insular Areas

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

PCI Communications, Inc. (PCI) is in full support of the redefinition of Honolulu as the urban center for Guam and Saipan under the Rural Health Care Program.

PCI, as a significant local contributor to the USF, finds it quite ironic that we contribute to a program, that under the current rules, will never be applicable to the residents of Guam and Saipan. In effect we are subsidizing the other Rural areas in the United States Mainland at the expense of Guam and Saipan residents. The situation is made even more ironic by the fact the Guam and Saipan are badly in need of programs like this, since our remote location and small population base have combined to create a situation where we have little or no access to advanced medical technology or medical specialists. The fact of the matter is that Guam and Saipan are the exact profile of areas that this program was designed to serve not exclude.

With the vast distances between Guam/Saipan and Hawaii or the U.S. mainland, any discounts in telecommunication services could provide significant savings and improvement in the delivery of medical and health services to the residents of Guam and Saipan.

I hope that the Federal Communications Commission will reconsider this issue, and re-designate Honolulu as the urban center for Guam and Saipan for the purpose of the Rural Health Care Program.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (671) 475-6802 or via email at jday@corp.netpci.com.

Sincerely,

John Day
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